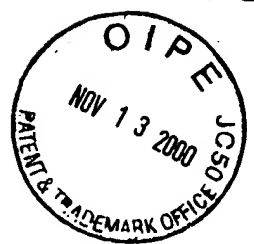


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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) TO EXTEND THE TIME
FOR RESPONSE TO AN OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) to extend the time to November 21, 2000, for taking action in this application responsive to the Official action dated June 21, 2000.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 02-2550 in the amount of \$390. to cover the fee for a two-months extension as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2).

The Commissioner is further authorized to charge payment of any additional fees due in processing this petition or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2550.

One (1) copy of this petition is attached.

Your consideration and granting of this petition is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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